



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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April 5, 2026

HE HAS BEEN RAISED!

— MATTHEW 28:6 —

EASTER SUNDAY

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MASSES

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM
11 AM

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 AM

Reconciliation Saturday 4—4:45 PM

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MISSION STATEMENT: "To do God's will as a unified, vibrant parish, and to foster an intentional relationship with Jesus through worship, witness, service, discipleship, and community."



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 4

7:30 PM PM ST. CELESTINE

+Nery Rodriguez
+Dan Miller
+Theresa Marinello

Sunday, April 5

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+John Cizek, 10th Anniversary
+Dorothy Vessini
In Thanksgiving for the Doyle Family

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Vincent and +Sophia Lukaszewicz
+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Joseph Morgan, Sr.
+Michael Squarcia

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo
+Teresa Milkowska, Birthday
+Carl Braack
+Stanislawa, +Thomas, and +Frank Ufir

11:30 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

Monday, April 6

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Carl Braack
+Marceline J. Hantkiewicz

Tuesday, April 7

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carlos Paran, 5th Anniversary

Wednesday, April 8

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Al. Jr. and +Geoffrey Fang, 1st Anniversary

Thursday, April 9

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Mary Ellen and +Dave Henders

Friday, April 10

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

Saturday, April 11

4 PM St. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Joseph Sweeney
+Nery Rodriguez
+Craig Bastek

5 PM PM ST. CELESTINE

+Joseph and +Bette Wesol
+Louis and +Julianna DaPrato and the
deceased members of the
DaPrato family
+Ed Deles
+Al, Jr., +Geoffrey, and +Lenore Fang, 1st
Anniversary
+Laurie Kola

Sunday, April 12

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Fred and +Ann Berg
+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo
+Maribel King
+Zygmunt Ignaczuk, 1st Anniversary
+Eddie Mizejewski
+Richard and +Carol Ritter
+Arthur Santangelo
+Tina Santangelo, 20th Anniversary
+Al, Jr., +Geoffrey, and +Lenore Fang, 1st
Anniversary



St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

Welcome! If you are new to our churches or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. We invite you to become a part of our parish. Register by calling the parish office at 708-453-2555 or online on our website, stguerinparish.org.

Bulletin Deadlines

Please send information to Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org.

April 26 is due on Wednesday, April 15 at 9 AM

May 3 is due on Wednesday, April 22 at 9 AM

May 10 is due on Wednesday, April 29 at 9 AM

Mother Guerin High School 50th Reunion

Were you a member of the class of 1976, Mother Theodore Guerin, River Grove, Illinois? Do you know someone from that class? It's time for the 50th Reunion! Guerin alum from '76 will meet on a weekend in early October for mass on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. A great time to relive a bit of the past and make a new connection or two. For more information, including dates, email mtgclassof76reunion@gmail.com.

Calendar

- Sunday, April 12: 12:30 PM **White Elephant Bingo** in the Gym
- Wednesday, April 15: **Book Study and Signing** with Fr. Stan Ilo
- Friday, April 24: 5:30 PM **Bingo** in the gym at St. Celestine
- Sunday, May 3 after 11 AM Mass **May Crowning and Ice Cream Social**
- Sunday, May 17: 11 AM Mass celebrating the **25th Anniversary** of Ordination for Father Paul Cao followed by reception
- Sunday, June 7: 9 AM **Closing Mass** at St. Cyprian Church
- June 7—12: **Totus Tuus**
- Monday, June 8: **Golf Outing** at White Pines in Bensenville
- Sunday, June 14: 11 AM **Farewell Mass** for Fr. Paul Cao
- July 4: **Independence Day Parade** in Elmwood Park
- Sunday, July 26 **Parish Picnic** at Evans Field in River Grove
- Saturday, September 12 4—9 PM **Parish Taste**
- Sunday, October 25 **Craft Fair** 8:30 AM in the Gym and Annex

From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

Happy Easter!!!

On behalf of Fr. Paul Eruva, Fr. Fil Ngwila, Deacon Rolando Merced, Deacon Mike DeLarco, and the entire Parish Staff of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish, I wish to extend to you and your family our warmest wishes for God's richest blessings as we again celebrate the victory of Jesus' triumph over sin and death.

"He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." — Matthew 28:6

Today is the most joyful day for all Christians. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Let us rejoice because today our Lord Jesus Christ has risen. Easter is the foundation of and a great hope for all Christians because Christ has conquered death and risen again to new life. Let us open our hearts and minds to let the light of Christ shine in each of us so that we may bring Christ's light and the message of hope to others.

I also wish to extend a word of congratulations to all who have journeyed through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) since last September and who received Baptism, Reception into Full Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil last evening. In a special way, I offer heartfelt congratulations and welcome the following new members into our Catholic Church: Makayla Franks, Angela Heredia, Lilian Heredia, Mia Hernandez, Destiny Marroquin, Myla Medina, Lizbeth Ortega, Sandra Derrico, Ariyani Diaz, Emiliano Diaz, Jaiden Jaramillo, Troy Morales, Emily Moris, Isabella Moris, Abigail Ortiz-Ferrer, Benjamin Santos, Nelson Santos,

Anabelle Castrejon, Samantha Escalera, Ethan Porter, Joycelynn Reyes, Eleni Rodriguez.

Have a Blessed Easter to all of you and your loved ones, filled with Christ's peace and hope!

Fr. Paul



Silver Jubilee Celebration

25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

With grateful hearts and deep thanksgiving to God,
we joyfully invite you to celebrate the

25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

of

Rev. Paul D. Cao

*Please join us for a
Thanksgiving Mass and Reception*

📅 May 17, 2026

🕒 Time: 11 A.M.

📍 Location: St. Celestine Church

Your presence will be a blessing
as we give thanks for 25 years
of faithful service, spiritual
guidance, and dedication
to God's people.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Virtues, Explained!

The cardinal virtue of justice has to do with the fulfillment of our duty to one another and to God. It gives us a framework for existing in the world alongside one another, in reverence with our respective rights, property, and obligations.

Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,
Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he **“ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.”** (John 20:4) But only *after* Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection *fast*...love him, for love is best.

— *Father John Muir*

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:6-8

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Peter testifies to others about what the Apostles witnessed with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Do you ever share your faith with friends or family?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Colossians to see themselves as already risen with Christ, anticipating his return in glory. Does anticipating Christ's return impact any of your daily decision-making?

Gospel:

Both the angel of the Lord and the risen Jesus greet Mary Magdalene and the other Mary with these words of comfort: "Do not be afraid." Who in your circle of friends or family needs to be comforted this week?



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again.

While It Is Still Dark

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as *spiritual* but not *religious*, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question “Why do you believe what you believe?” it usually comes out as “Why do you go to church?”

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb “while it was still dark.” I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It’s possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter’s dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:

You’ve probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ’s resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn’t just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an “advocate” or “counselor” when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await “power from on high” — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus’ suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don’t widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn’t mean you can’t embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!



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Easter 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Before the proclamation of the gospel at the Easter Vigil liturgy, there is a deeply powerful and moving moment. It is the joyous triple Alleluia. It not only signals the end of our penitential observances but it expresses our passage with the Lord through his passion, death, and burial. Alleluia is our joyful shout of triumph for as Christ rises from the dead, so do we.

Yet, we may find that our Easter joy has been dampened this year in the face of the daunting challenges of war, the upheavals experienced by migrant families, the great turbulence and polarization in our political life, and the myriad uncertainties about our future and the future of our children. Can we sing Alleluia and mean it?

Experiencing those sentiments myself I am drawn to Saint Paul's words to the Thessalonians. In a moment of suffering loss, confusion and grief he wrote: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died." (1Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Listen carefully to Paul's words. He tells the Thessalonians that they can grieve and that they can experience struggle and loss. But they must not grieve or suffer as those who have no hope, as those who do not believe that Jesus died and rose and will take us to himself. Like the Thessalonians, we do not ignore or deny the suffering and grief we are experiencing, but we are not held captive to this moment nor to this world. We hold fast to Christ our hope who draws us into a future defined and shaped by his Resurrection.

So, sisters and brothers, let's not hold back our shouts of joy. Let us sing with gusto our Alleluia for it bears witness to our enduring hope in Christ's Resurrection. It inspires us to do what we can to allow his risen life to take hold of and shape our lives and to empower us to reach out to our wounded world. A blessed Easter to all of you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

Pray the Divine Mercy Novena with Us

The Divine Mercy Novena is prayed starting on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12. The purpose is to plead for God's mercy for specific groups of souls. It consists of a specific intention for each of the nine days, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Jesus told St. Faustina that He would grant "every possible grace to souls" through this Novena.

Daily Intentions: The nine days pray for all, especially sinners; priests and religious; devout and faithful souls; those who do not believe in God; those who separated themselves from the Church, meek and humble souls, those who especially venerate His mercy, souls in purgatory, and lukewarm souls

On Easter Sunday, April 5 through Saturday, April 11, the Divine Mercy Novena, led by Deacon Roland, will be prayed at 3 PM at St. Cyprian. The Novena will end on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, at 3 PM at St. Celestine with a Holy Hour.



Meet the Author April 15



We will meet with Fr. Stan Ilo, author of *Someone Beautiful to God*: on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room at St. Celestine. He will answer questions about the book and sign copies. We do have extra books at the the Pastoral Center if you want to read it on your own or gift it to someone. They are available for \$20.



SOMEONE BEAUTIFUL TO GOD

FINDING THE LIGHT OF FAITH IN A WOUNDED WORLD



STAN CHU ILO



Ministry Gathering

As we prepare to begin a new chapter in the life of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish, we would like to invite all our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of Care, Sacristans and Ushers to a meeting on either Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 PM or Wednesday, April 15 at 9:30 AM in St. Celestine Church. We will spend some time in prayer and reflection on our ministries, revisit procedures of what we do, look toward a new schedule and invite all to consider their commitment to continue to minister to our parish community. Looking forward to seeing you at one of the two times being offered.

Secular Franciscan Order

"The Mass has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord." How do we do that? Since 1959, members of the St. Juliana Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order have sought to follow the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi by "going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel." If following the Rule of St. Francis might interest you, the SFO fraternity at St. Juliana meets once each month. For more information or just to visit, please contact Bob Mitchell at robertpmitchell1@gmail.com.

Mother of Perpetual Help Society Devotional



The Mother of Perpetual Help Society invites you to join us for the Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional held every Tuesday evening in the St. Celestine Chapel. We pray the rosary at 7 PM and then the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 7:30 PM. You may join us for either the rosary or the novena or both!

This beautiful and time-honored devotion is a peaceful opportunity to place our needs, our families, and our parish under the loving care of Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to come and pray and find comfort, hope and strength through Mary's intercession. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Panzarella Konrath at panzkon@gmail.com.

Thank You to Our Lenten Dinner Sponsors!

Thank you so much to all who helped make the Lenten Dinners such a success! Our volunteers, the Scouts, parents, cooks, and bakers made the evenings something special. A special thanks to Liborio who donated bakery rolls, Village Auto Body & Towing who donated fish and supplies, and Oscar Tesoro from ORT Consulting who donated beer, and Raffi's Locale who donated pasta for the Fish Fries and Pasta Dinners. Please thank our sponsors!




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Parish **GOLF** Outing

JUNE 8, 2026 \$125/golfer



Our annual Golf Outing will take place on Monday, June 8 at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville with registration at 8 AM and a shotgun start at 9 AM. \$125/per person or \$500 for a foursome includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch on the course, and a BBQ dinner in the clubhouse. Great raffles and door prizes! Businesses and organizations are invited to sponsor a hole. Go to stguerinparish.org and click on Golf Outing to register.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ I would like to reserve _____ foursome(s) @ \$125/golfer* (includes 18 holes, carts, lunch and dinner).

*Total due for 1 foursome = \$500

_____ I would like reservations for _____ golfer(s) @ \$125/golfer (includes 18 holes, carts, lunch and dinner).

_____ I would like reservations for _____ guest(s) @ \$50/guest for dinner only.

_____ I don't golf, but would like to sponsor a hole for \$100.

_____ I would like to make a cash or raffle donation.

Raffle donation: _____

Golfer #1 _____ Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____ Golfer #4 _____

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_____ Birdie: \$150.00: Lawn sign and recognition in our church bulletin.

_____ Tee Off: \$100.00: Lawn sign with your name at designated hole.

Pay online at www.givecentral.org/GolfOuting, or mail checks payable to St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish and to the attention of Laurie DePillo, St. Mother Guerin Parish, 3020 N. 76th Ct., Elmwood Park, IL 60707.

St. Mother Guerin thanks you for your kind consideration of a donation to our Golf Outing Fundraiser. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible charity. Upon request we can provide our sponsors with a tax receipt for their donation. Please email Laurie DePillo at lauriedepillo@stguerinparish.org when requesting a tax receipt for your donation or if you have any questions. You may also call her at 708-453-2555.

Pray for Them

Sick

Please remember the following people who are seriously ill. If you wish to add a name with the person's permission, please call the parish office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.


Angelo L'Abbate, Michael Binder, Jacqueline Boshell, Julie Boyce, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deehr, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Cynthia*, Eleanor, Tom Ferguson, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Lorry Hartnett, Grace Hensley, Karl Humowiecki, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Juliette Jimenez, Lisa Kostrzeski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Larry Lemanski, Bart Masi, Kathy Mooney, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efre Munoz, Martha Munoz, James Nasti, Larry Nestor, Ron Nichols, Sr. Louise Noesen, Carolyn Paprocki, Sr. Rita Mae Rabetoy, Aida Rivera, Sarah Rotolo, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Judy Virgilio, Robert Virnich, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Nicholas Zych

*recently added

Faithful Departed

Military

Col. Stephen Acosta, Marines; Staff Sgt. Lawrence G. Campbell, Air Force; Senior Airman Cory McCambridge, Air Force; Lt. Col. Peter Anderson, Army; Sgt. Kenneth G. DiCristifano, Army; Spec Michael Migliorisi, Army; Pvt. John Cerrone, Marines; PFC Paul J. Lagoda, Marines; PFC Sophia M. Garcia, Marines; Lt. Robert Reynolds, Army; Staff Sgt. Alberto Boy, Marines; Staff Sgt. Natalie Borrini, Air Force; Cpl. Brian Macaluso, Marines; Lnc. Cpl. Meghan Jennings, Marines; Lnc. Cpl. Michael Casanave, Marines; Pvt. Nicolas Casanave, Marines; ABEAN Melanie Hodges, Navy; PFC Vincent Negron, Marines; Pvt. Matthew Meyer, Army; Master Sgt. Scott A. Cross, Air Force; Dario Rodriguez, Air Force; Ensign Devon Zych, Coast Guard; Lnc. Cpl. Andrew D. Nordlie, Marines; Luis N. Burciaga, Army; PFC Rudy De La O, Marines; Jose Flores, Jr., Air Force; Carmelo Flores, Air Force; AB Ethen N. Ortiz, Air Force; Lnc. Cpl. Michael Joshua Barajas, Marines; Sgt. Cody Krawczyk, Army; Lnc. Cpl. Jake Kola, Marines; Airman Kaden Turocy, Air Force; A1C Rhian Frnzn Vengua, Air Force; Private Nicholas Drust, Jr., Army; Private Jesse J. Mendoza, Army; Lnc. Cpl. Edward Romano, Jr., Marines; A1C Jose Manuel Lagunas, Jr., Air Force; A1C Jordied Velez-Rosado, Air Force; Pvt. Noah Wardisiani, Army; Capt. Montgomery Smith, Air Force



Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.

**Pray the Rosary with
Lena Roy
Wednesday,
April 8 at 7 PM
St. Celestine Chapel
Enter off of 76th Court**

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for April 5, 2026

Matthew 28:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Solemnity of Easter, Cycle A: The angel at the tomb. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

THE WEEK	MAGDALENE	TOMB
GREAT	AN ANGEL	ROLLED
BACK	APPEARANCE	CLOTHING
WHITE	SNOW	DEAD MEN
AFRAID	JESUS	CRUCIFIED
NOT HERE	BEEN RAISED	PLACE
HE LAY	TELL	DISCIPLES

ANGELIC APPEARANCE

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N A P N O T H E R E D H
C F S P S N A G E L O M
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Surviving Divorce: Meeting twice monthly on Thursdays at 7:30 PM at Saint Giles Parish (Dore Center, 1025 Columbian Ave, Oak Park). *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. New participants welcome anytime and registration is appreciated. Visit our website for more information: <https://catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/surviving-divorce>

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Parish Weekly Events

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30 AM ST CEL	Mass
9 AM ST CYP	Mass
11 AM ST CEL	Mass
11:30 AM ST CYP	Mass
3 PM ST CYP	Divine Mercy Novena in the Church

Monday, April 6

Pastoral Center Closed	
3 PM ST CYP	Divine Mercy Novena in the Church

Tuesday, April 7

3 PM ST CYP	Divine Mercy Novena in the Church
7 PM ST CEL	Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion in the Church

Wednesday, April 8

3 PM ST CYP	Divine Mercy Novena in the Church
7 PM ST CEL	Rosary with Lena Roy in the Chapel

Thursday, April 9

3 PM ST CYP	Divine Mercy Novena in the Church
4 PM ST CEL	Food Pantry
6:30 PM ST CEL	Good Grief in Fireside Room

Friday, April 10

3 PM ST CYP	Divine Mercy Novena in the Church
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Saturday, April 11

9:30 AM ST CEL	Religious Education in the School
10 AM ST CEL	Special Religious Education in the Gym and Annex
3 PM ST CYP	Divine Mercy Novena in the Church
6 PM ST CEL	Men's Club Open Gym

Sunday, April 12

12 PM ST CEL	Women's Club White Elephant Bingo in the Gym and Annex
3 PM ST CEL	Divine Mercy Novena

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 11

4 PM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Isaac M., Diego M., Angeli B.
John F. Madden
Anna Petras, Ruben Monterroso

5 PM St. Celestine

Altar Server
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Robert O., Christian C.
Betty Blonski
Perlita Domingo, Bob Broz, Maria Mojek, Mary Joost, Carol Gutkowski, Tom Lepore, Mike Miller

Sunday, April 12

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers
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Jazmin G., Yasleen G., Joe K.
Tim Orr
Minnie Reillo, Mary Kay Macchione, Ken Doyle, Michelle Doyle, Bill Lesch, Florence Smith

9 AM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers
Lector
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TBA
Valerie McCluskey
Tony Cannizzaro

11 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers
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Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church. Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion weekly Tuesday nights at 7 PM in the Chapel. **Rosaries:** During the week, before Mass at St. Cyprian, after Mass at St. Celestine, and 7 PM on the second Monday of the month in the Chapel at St. Celestine. **Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional** Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Chapel.

Baptisms: To schedule, contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org or call 708-453-2555 x 5017. Baptisms take place at 12:30 PM on the second and fourth Sundays monthly at St. Celestine and the third Sunday of the month at St. Cyprian. Baptismal Prep classes take place on most first Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM at St. Cyprian; please call the office to sign up for the class.

Masses: See cover. **Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30 PM at St. Cyprian and 4 PM at St. Celestine.

Weddings: Engaged couples are encouraged to call a year in advance of a preferred date. The couple must talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

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